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SUBJECT: KUWAIT MEDIA REACTION - AL-ZAWAHIRI'S THREATS, SYRIA, AND
9/11

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Wednesday, September 13, 2006

-- Liberal Kuwait University Political Science Professor, Dr.
Shamlan Yousef Al-Issa penned in pro-government Arabic daily
Al-Seyassah under the title "Al-Zawahiri's Threats" (9/13):

"Ayman Al-Zawahiri's threats to Gulf States did not come of nothing.
They are the result of his confidence and knowledge of the presence
of cells and organizations capable of carrying out these threats...
Today, we must emphasize our national unity and exert all efforts,
civilian and military, to face these terrorist threats."

-- Under the title "Amongst the Raised Heads" Editor-in-Chief of the
pro-government Arabic daily Al-Seyassah Ahmed Al-Jarallah commented
on the front page of the newspaper (9/13):

"It seems that the Syrian President is not in charge of the regime.
After the cease-fire between Lebanon and Israel and until now many
international community figures give Bashar Asad a leading role and
considered him a decision-maker. They are now surprised that Asad
has no credibility, is unable to make a decision, and cannot be
party to an accord."

-- "Will 'Osama' Take After 'The Master'?" was the title of
satirical liberal columnist Fuad Al-Hashem's piece in moderate
Arabic daily Al-Watan in which he inquired (9/13):

"The question to the terrorist leader Osama bin Laden is, what has
been the benefit of the Islamic world from the demise of 3,000
Americans -- 700 of whom were Muslims -- in New York in 2001? Does
bin Laden have the same amount of courage as Hassan Nasrallah to
admit his mistake and regret what he has done?"

-- Titled "September 11, Events and Lessons" Liberal Political
Science professor Dr. Shafiq Al-Ghabra's piece appeared in moderate
Arabic daily Al-Rai Al-Aam in which he contended (9/13):

"The events of September 11 killed the innocence of humanity. As a
result it is now normal for me and other Arabs and Muslims to be
subjected to stricter search procedures than others at many of the
world's airports. It is also apparent that the reputation of the
Arab and Islamic world has been marred by terrorism in many corners
of the globe."

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